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Tim Mains, City Council Member
413 Broadway
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Re: Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley v. City Assessor

Dear Council Member Mains: Tim

Enclosed is Justice Siracuse's eloquent and, in my view, landmark opinion in this case. As you can guess, the GAGV is elated about decision, but frustrated by the City's apparent decision to appeal.

Based on the soundness of the judge's reasoning, I am convinced that the GAGV will prevail on appeal. It would be great to obtain a landmark decision from the appellate court that affirms Justice Siracuse's wonderful decision. On the other hand, an appeal will require substantial work and further delay on the part of the GAGV and me (I figure a decision in December at the earliest), and substantial work and additional substantial expense on the part of the City (my rate is $150 an hour, and if the decision is upheld, the GAGV is entitled to 9% interest for every tax payment it has made since January 1991).

For the latter reason, I have made yet another suggestion to Susan Hauser that the City consider a settlement. Based on Louis Kash's public statements, however, I do not expect a response.

Accordingly, perhaps you would consider presenting a motion for a City Council resolution that urges the Mayor to drop the appeal in the interests of community harmony. Frankly, at this point, it is difficult to know whose interests the City is really protecting by going through an appeal; it certainly can't be the taxpayers.

Thank you for whatever you can do in this regard, or for taking any other steps that you believe might help end this matter. And, once again, thanks for your help in the past.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at 256-0508 (home) or 454-6500 (work), or Paul Scheib, President of the GAGV, at 244-8246 or home: 473-9948.

Thanks very much for consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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